

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA

TUESDAY 5:15 P.M. JANUARY 14, 1997

PRESENT:

Grant Sims, Chairman  
Jim Galloway, Commissioner  
Mike Mouliot, Commissioner  
Jim Shaw, Commissioner

Judi Bailey, County Clerk  
John MacIntyre, County Manager  
Madelyn Shipman, Legal Counsel

ABSENT:

Joanne Bond, Vice Chairman

The Board met in regular session in the Commission Chambers of the Washoe County Administration Complex, 1001 E. Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada. Following the pledge of allegiance to the flag of our Country, the Clerk called the roll and the Board conducted the following business:

97-14 WORK CARD PERMIT APPEAL - JERRY WILKINSON

This appeal was considered on MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 1997, prior to the Caucus meeting, the Board having convened, with Commissioner Bond absent and Chairman Sims presiding, to consider the appeal of JERRY WILKINSON of the Sheriff's denial of his work permit application as a private security guard with GREAT WESTERN SECURITY.

On motion by Commissioner Mouliot, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, the Board convened in closed personnel session to hear testimony as to why the work card should or should not be granted. The appellant was present to offer testimony during the closed personnel session as was Lurena Horning, Records Section of the Sheriff's office. Following testimony of both parties, the Board convened in open session and the following action was taken.

On motion by Commissioner Mouliot, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the appeal of JERRY WILKINSON be upheld and the work card permit issued for employment as a security guard with GREAT WESTERN SECURITY, with the strict stipulation that Mr. Wilkinson remain in the Veterans Administration Alcoholics Anonymous Program to be verified via a reporting process by appellant to either the Sheriff or his employer.

97-15 WORK CARD PERMIT APPEAL - CASSANDRA MARIE POWELL

This appeal was considered on MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 1997, prior to the Caucus meeting, the Board having convened, with Commissioner Bond absent and Chairman Sims presiding, to consider the appeal of CASSANDRA MARIE POWELL of the Sheriff's denial of her work permit application as a substitute caregiver at TEACHER'S HELPER DAYCARE.

On motion by Commissioner Mouliot, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, the Board convened in closed personnel session to hear testimony as to why the work card should or should not be granted. The appellant was present to offer testimony during the closed personnel session as was Lurena Horning, Records Section of the Sheriff's office. Alice LaDesma, Director of Child Care Services, also testified on behalf of the Social Services Department who recommended denial of the permit. Following testimony of all parties, the Board convened in open session and the following action was taken.

Commissioner Mouliot disclosed that he has known appellant for sometime but he feels that he can make an objective judgment.

On motion by Commissioner Mouliot, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the appeal of CASSANDRA MARIE POWELL be upheld and the work card permit issued for her employment as a substitute caregiver at TEACHER'S HELPER DAYCARE with the stipulation that, if there are any negative reports on the safety of the children in their home received by Child Protective Services, the work card be revoked.

97-16 WORK CARD PERMIT APPEAL - TAMMATHA M. MILLER

This appeal was considered on MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 1997, prior to the Caucus meeting, the Board having convened, with Commissioner Bond absent and Chairman Sims presiding, to consider the appeal of TAMMATHA M. MILLER of the Sheriff's denial of her work permit application as a Private Security Guard for HOLMAN SECURITY.

On motion by Commissioner Mouliot, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, the Board convened in closed personnel session to hear testimony as to why the work card should or should not be granted. The appellant was present to offer testimony during the closed personnel session as was Lurena Horning, Records Section of the Sheriff's office. Following testimony of both parties, the Board convened in open session and the following action was taken.

On motion by Commissioner Mouliot, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the appeal of TAMMATHA M. MILLER be upheld and the work card permit issued for her employment as a Private Security Guard for HOLMAN SECURITY.

97-17A AGENDA

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, on motion by Commissioner Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Mouliot, which motion duly carried, Chairman Sims ordered that the agenda for the January 14, 1997 meeting be approved with the following amendments: Delete -- Item 7C, Agreement between Washoe County and Publish Right concerning software services; Item 14, recommendation to allow WCEA employees in the Public Defender's Office to work four 10-hour days; Item 16C, transfer from Contingency to Emergency Management Division for purchase of sandbags.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no response to the call for public comments.

MINUTES

On motion by Commissioner Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Mouliot, which motion duly carried, Chairman Sims ordered that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 26, 1996 be approved.

97-17B EXTENSION OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 1714-93 - CARDLOCK FUELING PROGRAM - EQUIPMENT SERVICES DIVISION AND JOINDER AGENCIES

Upon recommendation of John Balentine, Purchasing and Contracts Administrator, on motion by Commissioner Mouliot, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, Chairman Sims ordered that the three-year extension to December 21, 1999 of the award of RFP No. 1714-93 for the Cardlock Fueling Program with Western Energetix for the Equipment Services Division and joinder agencies be approved.

It was noted that the estimated value of the extension per fiscal year for Washoe County is \$500,000.

97-18 AWARD OF BID NO. 1949-97 - ROLL SEAL PRESSURE REDUCING VALVES - UTILITY DIVISION

This was the time to consider award of bid, Notice to Bidders for receipt of sealed bids having been published in the Reno Gazette-Journal on November 11, 1996, for Roll Seal Pressure Reducing Valves for the Utility Division of the Public Works Department. Proof was made that due and legal Notice had been given.

One bid, copy of which was placed on file with the Clerk, was received from the following vendor:

Western Nevada Supply Co.

Roll Seal Valve Co., Inc. submitted a "No-Bid" response and Gardner Engineering, Hydrosol, Record Supply Co., Inc., and Servco (Division of Farley Servco, Inc.) failed to respond to the invitation to bid.

Upon recommendation of John Balentine, Purchasing and Contracts Administrator, on motion by Commissioner Mouliot, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, Chairman Sims ordered that Bid No. 1949-97 for Roll Seal Pressure Reducing Valves for the Utility Division of the Public Works Department be awarded to the only responsive, responsible bidder, Western Nevada Supply Co.

It was noted that the total estimated value of the award as represented in the bid schedule is \$132,339, but that, depending on final quantities of valves that are to be replaced and retrofitted, the net amount of the award may vary; and that the award shall run from this date to December 31, 1998, with a provision for a one-year extension provided prices do not increase and service is satisfactory.

#### 97-19 AGREEMENT - PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE - UTILITY DIVISION

John MacIntyre, County Manager, provided background information regarding this item.

Upon recommendation of John Balentine, Purchasing and Contracts Administrator, on motion by Commissioner Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Sims ordered that the Purchasing and Contracts Administrator be authorized to enter into an agreement with Datastream Systems, Inc. for a complete Preventative Maintenance Management Software System (PMMSS) in the negotiated amount of \$36,775 for Datastream's software, MPZ.

It was further ordered that Datastream's recommendations concerning hardware configuration, service implementation, customer specific applications, customer problem analysis, Client/Server services, licensees, and support be authorized and implemented into the Preventative Maintenance Management System; and that the Purchasing and Contracts Administrator be authorized to negotiate and implement the programs in order to complete the Preventative Maintenance Management Software System (PMMSS) for the Utility Division.

It was noted that the total estimated value is \$177,475, which does not include five work stations already purchased in order to run the system and any consulting services over and above the initial installation; and that the following represents the estimated cost of the necessary system components:

Software (Datastream)	\$36,775.00
Implementation Plan (Datastream)	\$95,500.00
Custom Services (Datastream)	\$ 2,500.00
Application Server and three (3) work stations (Dual, Pent Pro. 128MB Ram)	\$40,000.00
Server & Workstation Software	\$ 2,700.00

#### 97-20 INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT - RTC STREET AND HIGHWAY PROGRAM FUEL TAX PROJECT

John MacIntyre, County Manager, reviewed background information regarding this item. Dave Roundtree, Public Works Director, responded to questions of the Board.

Upon recommendation of Derek Morse, Engineering Manager, Regional Transportation Commission (RTC), on motion by Commissioner Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Mouliot, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for design,

right-of-way, construction, engineering, or construction of specific projects contained in the Regional Transportation Commission's Street and Highway Program of Projects (Fuel Tax) be approved and Chairman Sims be authorized to execute.

97-21 CONTRACT - PROFESSIONAL LOBBYIST - SHERIFF

Commissioner Mouliot disclosed that he has known Eric Cooper for approximately 30 years.

Upon recommendation of Richard Kirkland, Sheriff, on motion by Commissioner Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Mouliot, which motion duly carried, Chairman Sims ordered that the Sheriff's Office be authorized to enter into a Personal Services Contract with Eric Cooper, a professional Lobbyist, to represent the interest of the Sheriff's Office in the current legislative session, at a six-month cost of \$10,000.

97-22 FLOOD ASSESSMENT REPORT - FEMA APPLICATION/GRANT MANAGEMENT CONTRACT - 1997 NEW YEAR'S DAY FLOODS

Ray Sibley, Risk Management Division, reviewed the preliminary FEMA assessment report of the 1997 New Year's Day floods and responded to questions of the Board. He advised that approximate damage to Washoe County structures, facilities, and infrastructure is estimated to be in excess of \$5.5 million with additional information still coming in; and that completion of the report could take up to six weeks. Mr. Sibley then responded to questions of the Board relative to the consulting contracts for the phase II assessment.

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Mouliot, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the preliminary FEMA assessment report of the 1997 New Year's Day floods be accepted. It was further ordered that the consulting contracts for the Phase II assessment and FEMA grant application and management activities related to reimbursement for the damages for the 1997 flood damages be approved and Chairman Sims be authorized to execute upon receipt.

97-23 ACCESS TO AIRPORT - OLD PYRAMID HIGHWAY

John MacIntyre, County Manager, advised that Commissioner Bond requested that this item be continued because she could not attend tonight's meeting. He provided background information and advised that resolution to this issue has not yet been made. He advised that the Board has received a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Shane requesting that this item be continued.

Paul Neuffer, Spanish Springs Pilot's Association, stated that John Reed of NDOT was present regarding this issue, but that if this item is going to be continued, they would prefer to wait to provide their testimony.

Chairman Sims advised that Mr. and Mrs. Shane's attorney contacted him with a request to continue this item.

Following discussion, on motion by Commissioner Mouliot, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, Chairman Sims ordered that this item be continued to the January 28, 1997 meeting.

97-24 CORRECTION OF FACTUAL ERRORS - 1996/97 TAX ROLLS

Upon recommendation of Jean Tacchino, Assistant Chief Deputy Assessor, on motion by Commissioner Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Mouliot, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the following Roll Change Requests correcting factual errors on tax bills already mailed, be approved for the reasons indicated thereon and mailed to the property owners, a copy of which is placed on file with the Clerk. It was further ordered that the Orders directing the Treasurer to correct the errors be approved and Chairman Sims be authorized to execute on behalf of the Commission.

1996 Supplemental Roll:

Roll Change Request No. 373	Albert & Dee Etcheverry	APN 012-142-22
Roll Change Request No. 374	Frederick J. & Deborah L. Fricke	APN 012-142-36
Roll Change Request No. 376	Honora Logan	APN 041-354-12

Roll Change Request No. 377	Jerry L. & Adele J. Showalter TR	APN 042-080-08
Roll Change Request No. 378	Club Lakeridge, Inc.	APN 042-221-06
Roll Change Request No. 380	Robert L. & Cathy V. Weise	APN 055-411-01
Roll Change Request No. 381	Robert L. & Cathy V. Weise	APN 055-412-10
Roll Change Request No. 382	Gerlach Gen. Impr. District	APN 071-150-07
Roll Change Request No. 383	Mark A. Richards	APN 518-163-03
1996/97 Secured Roll:		
Roll Change Request No. 375	Victor M. Alegria & Jamie Seeby-Alegria	APN 030-632-02
Roll Change Request No. 379	Ernest J. Collins	APN 055-393-01
1996/97 Unsecured Roll:		
	Sha Neva, Inc.	ID # 2/450-003

97-25 LETTER OF CREDIT - HIDDEN CANYON SUBDIVISION UNIT 2

John MacIntyre, County Manager, reviewed background information regarding this item.

Upon recommendation of John Collins, Manager, Utility Services Division, Department of Water Resources, on motion by Commissioner Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Mouliot, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the Sight Draft for partial demand on Letter of Credit No. S-2825-047 in the amount of \$98,100 for Hidden Canyon Subdivision Unit 2, be approved and Chairman Sims be authorized to execute.

97-26 REQUEST FOR MORATORIUM ON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT APPLICATIONS - COLD SPRINGS AND LONG VALLEY HYDROGRAPHIC BASINS

Dean Diederich, Principal Planner, Department of Community Development, advised that Kelly Probasco, Chairman, Cold Springs Community Association, has requested that this item be continued as Commissioner Bond was not able to attend this meeting. Upon inquiry of Chairman Sims, Mr. Probasco stated that this item could be continued to January 28, 1997.

Bob Jones, Executive Director, Builders Association of Northern Nevada, advised that he has submitted written testimony regarding this issue; and that he will be out of town on January 28 but a representative of the Association would be in attendance.

On motion by Commissioner Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Sims ordered that this item be continued to the Board's regular meeting of January 28, 1997.

97-27 APPOINTMENT - PALOMINO VALLEY GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

John MacIntyre, County Manager, advised that Commissioner Bond has requested that this item be continued to January 28, 1997 as she was not able to attend tonight's meeting.

On motion by Commissioner Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Mouliot, which motion duly carried, Chairman Sims ordered that this item be continued to the Board's regular meeting of January 28, 1997.

97-28 COMMITTEE TO RESEARCH PUBLIC ROADS

John MacIntyre, County Manager, reviewed background information regarding the Board's direction to form a four-member committee to review and make recommendations relative to the issue of public roads within the County, and for staff to develop specific criteria to be utilized by the committee. He advised that Mike Phillips, Bureau of Land Management retiree, Floyd Vice, County Public Works Department retiree, and George Kent, Public Lands Access Coalition, have agreed to serve on the committee; and that

Larry Johnson, SEA Consulting Engineers, has agreed to serve as alternate to Mr. Kent. Mr. MacIntyre further advised that a number of property owners have expressed an interest in serving on the committee and suggested that the fourth member could be a representative of their specific area. He further suggested that an overall status report on this item should be prepared.

Commissioner Mouliot requested that an alternate be appointed for each member of the committee including the member from the public; and that the fourth member should come from groups representing those most impacted by the program such as the Mining and Cattlemen's Association, etc.

Upon inquiry of Commissioner Shaw, Mr. MacIntyre advised that the committee would be established within approximately 30 days; and that periodic reports would be presented to the Board, but the entire process would take at least 12 months. Following further discussion, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Mouliot, which motion duly carried, Chairman Sims ordered that Floyd Vice, Mike Phillips, and George Kent be appointed to the Committee To Research Public Roads, and Larry Johnson be appointed as Alternate to Mr. Kent. It was further ordered that the County Manager be directed to contact individuals and groups concerned with property rights in various districts of the County and request that they submit applications to serve as members and alternates on the committee; and that a status report of the public roads issue be prepared which would include background information regarding this matter.

97-29 VOICE ACTIVATED COLLECTIONS SYSTEM - COLLECTION DIVISION

Upon recommendation of Lisa Gianoli, Senior Administrative Analyst, on motion by Commissioner Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Mouliot, which motion duly carried, Chairman Sims ordered that the Collections Division be authorized to enter into a 90-day trial of a voice activated collection system with Collection Services of Nevada.

It was noted that the cost of the trial will be \$500 per month with a hardware deposit of \$2,000; that if the County elects to purchase or lease the equipment after the trial, all monies paid will be applied against the purchase or lease price; and that if the County elects to disconnect the equipment, the \$2,000 hardware deposit less shipping charges will be refunded, but the \$500 monthly fee will not be refunded.

97-30 GRANT ACCEPTANCE - NEVADA STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN PROGRAM - DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Upon recommendation of Richard Gammick, District Attorney, on motion by Commissioner Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Mouliot, which motion duly carried, Chairman Sims ordered that the District Attorney be authorized to accept a grant under the Nevada Stop Violence Against Women Program in the amount of \$45,900 with a term of January 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998; that the funds be budgeted for computer equipment, salary and benefits for one victim witness advocate, office furniture, publications, and training; and that the following accounts and funds be augmented to the District Attorney's budget for the term of the grant:

Account Number	Description	Amount
7001	Base Salary	\$24,535.00
7042	Group Insurance	4,029.00
7048	Retirement	6,902.00
7050	Medicare	534.00
7829	Computer Equipment	1,500.00
7205	Minor Office Furniture	4,670.00
7382	Telephone	320.00
7255	Publications	2,000.00
7385	Training	1,400.00
		\$45,900.00

## 97-31 REQUEST TO PURSUE GRANTS - FY 1997/98 - SENIOR SERVICES

Upon recommendation of Karen Mabry, Director, Senior Services, on motion by Commissioner Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Mouliot, which motion duly carried, Chairman Sims ordered that the Director of Washoe County Senior Services be authorized to pursue the following grants for FY97/98:

Human Services Consortium	\$100,000.00
City of Reno and Washoe County CDBG	\$277,000.00 each
City of Sparks CDBG	\$500,000.00

## 97-32 RESOLUTION - DISASTER TRAINING COURSE - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TRAINING - FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA)

Upon recommendation of Press Clewe, Emergency Manager, on motion by Commissioner Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Mouliot, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the invitation of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through the State Office of Emergency Management, to participate in a specialized disaster training course, Integrated Emergency Management Course, in Emmitsburg, Maryland in federal fiscal year 1998, (the date to be determined by FEMA) be accepted. It was further ordered that the following Resolution be adopted and Chairman Sims be authorized to execute on behalf of the Board:

## RESOLUTION

## ACCEPTANCE OF INVITATION, SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATE

WHEREAS, The Federal Emergency Management Agency, through the State Office of Emergency Management, is inviting Washoe County, the Cities of Reno and Sparks and all other local Special Districts and jurisdictions to participate in an "INTEGRATED EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COURSE"; and

WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of government at all levels to mitigate, prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters in our community; and

WHEREAS, Disasters require the integration of all resources and decision making by multiple public and private organizations; and

WHEREAS, Advance preparation and planning is critical to successful outcomes; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) invites only ten communities each year to attend the Integrated Emergency Management Course at their Emergency Management Institute campus in Emmitsburg, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, FEMA, as part of their commitment to Community Disaster Training, reimburses all participants for all travel expenses; and

WHEREAS, FEMA invites the participation of a wide variety of organizations to include local government officials, managers and department heads, public safety agencies, lifeline utility organizations, public health and hospital representatives, school and university systems, airport and transportation systems, and all other private and volunteer agencies critical to disaster response and recovery; and

WHEREAS, The training course will provide stimulating opportunities for integrated decision making under simulated disaster conditions; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Washoe County Commissioners accepts the invitation and commits its jurisdictions full participation in the "INTEGRATED EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COURSE" at the Emmitsburg, Maryland training facility in 1998; and be it further



Leonard Crowe, Water Resources Planning Manager, advised that the New Year's 1997 flood damaged numerous private properties within the Truckee River watershed; and that Federal assistance is available from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service for addressing erosion problems on private lands. He reviewed the program and cited examples of areas where the funds could be used advising that, if submission of the application to USDA is approved, staff would bring a program to the Board that includes the various projects and cost-sharing agreements; and that since the projects are on private property, staff will be working closely with the property owner and, if possible, will be asking the property owner for their cost-sharing in the project.

Mr. Crowe then conducted a slide presentation of private lands in the Steamboat Creek Watershed, being the area where most of the damage by the New Year's 1997 Flood occurred. He then responded to questions of the Board.

Richard Newton, Cross Creek property owner, advised that a number of property owners were present. He stated that the snowpack is running between 90% and 200% of normal and flooding could happen again very quickly; and that he is concerned about how soon the restoration of some of the erosion problems around their homes could be addressed. Mr. Crowe responded that the County has 60 days to come up with a solution to the problems and 220 days to implement restoration; and that every effort will be made to move the process as quickly as possible. Mr. Newton requested that the time lines be compressed as much as possible for some of the more urgent issues where people's houses are at stake.

Following further discussion, on motion by Commissioner Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Mouliot, which motion duly carried, Chairman Sims ordered that the Water Resources Planning Manager be authorized to make application to the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service for assistance in controlling erosion on private lands damaged by the New Year's 1997 Flood; and that staff be directed to return to the Board of County Commissioners with any Federal/Washoe County cost-sharing agreements for funding consideration.

97-38 BILL NO. 1148 - ORDINANCE NO. 973 - AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 830 - SEWER CONNECTION FEES

7:00 p.m. This was the time set in a Notice of Public Hearing, published in the Reno Gazette-Journal on January 3, 1997, to consider the second reading and adoption of Bill No. 1148. Proof was made that due and legal notice had been given.

Chairman Sims opened the public hearing and called on those wishing to speak. There being no response the public hearing was closed.

On motion by Commissioner Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Mouliot, which motion duly carried, Chairman Bradhurst ordered that Ordinance No. 973, Bill No. 1148, entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 830, ARTICLE 6, OF THE UNIFORM SCHEDULE OF CHARGES FOR SEWER CONNECTION FEES IMPLEMENTING THE WATER QUALITY AGREEMENT BY IMPOSING A SURCHARGE WITHIN THE AREA OF WASHOE COUNTY WHICH RECEIVES SEWER TREATMENT SERVICE AT THE TRUCKEE MEADOWS WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY; AND PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO," be approved, adopted, and published in accordance with NRS 244.100.

97-39 COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN - WATER RESOURCES

7:00 p.m. This was the time set in a Notice of Public Hearing, published in the Reno Gazette-Journal on January 3, 1997, for consideration of the Comprehensive Regional Water Plan. Proof was made that due and legal notice had been given.

Steve Walker, Water Management Planner, Department of Water Resources, provided background information relative to the Draft Comprehensive Regional Water Management Plan. He reviewed four issues that were raised during the public hearing process as outlined in the staff report dated January 9, 1997 and advised that they are specific to action items. He noted that issues that were not in the plan or were recognized for future additions to the plan were not included in the staff report. Mr. Walker then responded to questions of the Board.

Chairman Sims opened the public hearing and called on those wishing to speak.

Janet Carson, Sierra Pacific Power Company (SPPCO), responded to questions of the Board relative to landscaping issues and the

recommendations regarding "no turf on new commercial construction, limited turf on multi-family dwellings to 25% of total landscaping, and no turf on slopes exceeding 10% slope." She advised that the basic source for these recommendations was from published literature from other areas that appeared to have local application; that the method of calculation requires that something be assumed to generate any numbers for an exercise like this; and that different percentage numbers may be determined to be optimal. Upon inquiry of Commissioner Galloway, Ms. Carson advised that the landscaping recommendation basically concentrated on water savings.

James Ludwig, Western States Companies, provided a display aerial photograph depicting the Steamboat 5 Mile Reservoir Project relative to their request that the Project be included in the plan. He reviewed the Project and its benefits to the plan.

Michael King, Nevada Landscape Association, requested that the landscaping issues, as outlined in the staff report, be sent back to the Regional Water Planning Commission (RWPC) for negotiation. He placed on file with the Clerk a video tape and written testimony that was presented at the RWPC meeting of January 8, 1997 and stated that at that time expert testimony was given relative to the environmental benefits of turf; that turf does not have to be the water user that is; and that professional design, proper installation, and skilled water management can produce a landscape which will save more water than a ban on turf. He stated that enforcement of the existing landscape ordinances would go far towards solving water consumption problems. Mr. King commended the RWPC and stated that, with the exception of the landscaping issues, they feel the plan has a great deal of merit; and that they are willing to work with the RWPC to negotiate a compromise on landscape matters. Mr. King then responded to questions of the Board.

Deborah Schoenberg, President, Schoenberg Design Associates, representing Sierra Nevada Landscape Architects; Tom Stille, Landscape Architect; Paul Flint, President, Lawns, Etc. and Past President, Nevada Landscape Association; and Eric Gripp, Landscape Architect, Pyramid Engineers, discussed issues relative to landscaping.

Bill Isaef, Regional Water Planning Commission, and Deputy City Manager, City of Sparks, stated that he is appearing before the Board as a citizen of Washoe County interested in the Regional Water Plan. He stated that only 75 days remain until the March 31, 1997 deadline when the Regional Water Plan must be submitted to the Nevada Legislature; that the statute provides a review procedure that allows 40 days for the RWPC to review the plan if it is sent back to them tonight, and provides the Cities of Reno and Sparks with 60 days to review the plan after the County Commission takes action on it; and that to send this back to the RWPC would not provide adequate time for the Cities to review the document. He urged that the Board adopt the plan tonight and send the proposed changes back to the RWPC to go through the amendment process set forth in the statutes. Mr. Isaef further stated that he looks forward to revisiting all the issues set forth, but in a time frame that does not stop the process from moving towards the eventual approval of the plan by all required entities within the time frame established by the Legislature.

Legal Counsel Shipman reviewed the Board's options and the amendment process relative to the plan. She agreed that the timing is critical, but expressed concern that there should be consensus by all entities when the plan is presented to the Legislature. The Board discussed issues relative to presenting a plan to the Cities that contains unresolved issues versus presenting a plan that addresses those outstanding issues.

Mary Henderson, Public Affairs Director and Legislative Lobbyist, commented that the March 31st deadline is critical; that Washoe County has many issues surrounding water in addition to this plan and much of the way the County is going to be viewed will be determined by whether or not the deadline is met; that the Legislature has been aware from the beginning that the plan would not be complete because of the short time frame for developing this first process; and that it would be important that the community and elected officials agree on what is submitted to the Legislature.

Bob Firth, Chairman, Water Planning Commission, advised that the Commission understood from the beginning of the process that they would not be able to cover every issue regarding water, wastewater, and flood control in the community and the Legislature must have understood this because they provided for an amendment process once the plan was approved. He further stated that the plan contains recommendations only and the four issues presented tonight are minor items involving very small quantities of water that can be addressed easily; and that the rest of the plan should not become lost in these four minor issues.

Mike Bushelman, Water Planning Commission, stated that they knew full well that the Plan would need to be amended and they are more than willing to take the time and effort to address any amendments brought before them, and put forth a plan that is going to be accepted by all three governmental entities.

Jane Countryman, Washoe Valley resident and member of the West Washoe Valley Citizens Advisory Board, expressed concern with references and recommendations contained in the plan regarding Washoe Valley water issues.

Mr. Walker advised that Washoe Valley was discussed only as background on water resource issues for the region and no action plan for that area is contained in the plan. He referred to Chapter 8 that states that Washoe Valley was a topic that would not be addressed at this time but would need to be addressed at some point in the future. Upon inquiry of Chairman Sims, Mr. Walker advised that there is nothing in the plan that, once approved, would begin discussions about any action plans for Washoe Valley.

Deborah Sheltra, West Washoe Valley resident and member of the West Washoe Association, referred to several references in the plan relative to Washoe Valley and stated that she is not confident that the area will not be severely affected if the current plan is adopted. She then discussed various matters of concern relative to water issues in Washoe Valley. Chairman Sims stated that Washoe Valley is a major issue and he would not be comfortable if the plan included various actions for that area, but that the plan specifically states that Washoe Valley is not a topic to be addressed. Ms. Sheltra expressed concern that future Boards may not interpret the plan the same way this Board does and requested that, if the plan is adopted, specific language be added to make it very clear that it was not dealing with specific solutions to Washoe Valley scenarios.

Tom Gregory, Water & Land Use Planning Consultant, Loyalton, California, submitted material and referred to his previous comments on the Regional Water Management Plan submitted to the Board, the RWPC, the Cities of Reno and Sparks, the Regional Planning Commission, and the Truckee River Advisory Board regarding a win/win partnership between the Truckee Meadows community and the forest community with regard to watershed management. He discussed two budget requests that would result in an increased cost of approximately \$6 in annual service charges that would implement a comprehensive watershed restoration program on the upper watershed on the California side and bring the Regional Plan into compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Mr. Gregory stated that the upper watershed economy is inexplicably connected to the people who benefit from that water downstream, and if catastrophic fire is not managed, more erosion and deep flood flows will result.

Mr. Walker stated that the watershed management issues presented by Mr. Gregory were not specific actions to the plan and were set aside as a future addition item; and that the California Division of Water Resources Board and the TROA Committee have advised that there is no CEQA process required for this Plan.

Jim Scott, Cold Springs Valley resident, expressed concerns that water and growth issues in Cold Springs Valley have not been addressed in the plan. Mr. Walker stated that the RWPC recognizes that the North Valleys is a key area in the water plan and a water supply analysis for that area will be conducted, but it was determined that the adopted land use plan should be accepted for Cold Springs until verification could be made relative to perennial yield, groundwater levels, and water quality issues.

John McQuay, Water Planning Commission, stated that they recognize that there are areas of the plan that are not as thick as they need to be and other areas that have not been as thoroughly addressed as they need to be; that this is a recommending document designed to provide consensus points in terms of objectives; and that statute provides for revisions to the Plan, the schedule for which, once adopted, is set by the Board of County Commissioners.

Chairman Sims closed the public hearing.

The Board discussed the various options and issues brought forth.

Chairman Sims stated that he would rather see the outstanding issues resolved and would recommend sending the plan back to the RWPC for review and resolution by the January 28, 1997 meeting, noting that this schedule would give the Cities a full month for review.

Commissioner Galloway agreed and commented that if the outstanding issues in the plan are not addressed at this time, he feels problems would be created down the line that the County would not be in a position to address.

Following further discussion, the following actions were taken relative to the four issues presented by staff relating to the Draft Comprehensive Regional Water Management Plan:

- 1. Removal of the Thomas Creek/Whites Creek Flood Detention/Groundwater Recharge Project from the Plan:

Upon recommendation of staff, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Mouliot, which motion duly carried, Chairman Sims ordered that the Thomas Creek/Whites Creek Flood Detention Groundwater Recharge Project be removed from the plan.

- 2. Request by the Landscape Association to remove the recommended landscape ordinances detailed in Chapter 7 - Conservation Plan.

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Chairman Sims, which motion duly carried, with Commissioner Shaw voting "no," it was ordered that this issue be referred back to the Regional Water Planning Commission and changes be negotiated relative to the current provisions of "...no turf on new commercial construction, limited turf on multi-family dwellings, and turf restrictions on slopes..." that consensus with the interested parties relative to these issues be reached with said changes to be presented to the Board at its meeting of January 28, 1997; and that, in the event consensus is not reached, the following changes be made: the restriction on turf for new commercial dwellings be eliminated, the allowable turf be raised to 50% of total landscaping on multi-family dwellings, and the slope allowable for turf be increased to 20%.

Commissioner Shaw stated that he believes the Board should not give direction relative to changes should consensus not be reached, as that direction could be provided at the January 28, 1997 meeting if needed.

- 3. Inclusion of the Steamboat 5 Mile Reservoir Project into the River Reliability Section of the Plan.

On motion by Commissioner Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Mouliot, which motion duly carried, Chairman Sims ordered that this issue be referred back to the Regional Water Planning Commission for further discussion to determine if they agree with staff's recommendation to recognize this project as an option in the river reliability section of the Plan; that the Board supports incorporation of the project into the Plan and should the Regional Water Planning Commission disagree, it is to provide good reasons for their determination; and that this information is to be presented to the Board at the January 28, 1997 meeting.

- 4. Acceleration, through increased hook-up fees in the STMGID service area, of planning and construction of a surface water treatment facility, 6 to 8 years before the facility need is recognized in the plan.

Commissioner Sims questioned whether the RWPC has any authority in setting water policy within the STMGID service area. Legal Counsel Shipman advised that it is not the role of the RWPC to approve or disapprove how a particular project is financed; that technically there is no authority at the present time for the RWPC to either determine conformance or non-conformance, but this Board, as the Board of Trustees for STMGID, specifically directed the RWPC to come back with comments as part of the rate study hearings on this project; and that she questions whether this issue is appropriate to be addressed as part of the plan because it is too specific. Mr. Walker discussed the apparent areas of inconsistency between the plan and the STMGID water rate study, being the source of primary water supply for the South Truckee Meadows and the timing for construction of the treatment facility.

Following further discussion, on motion by Commissioner Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Mouliot, which motion duly carried, Chairman Sims ordered that this item be referred back to the RWPC for discussion and determination as to whether this issue is appropriate to be addressed as part of the Regional Water Plan; that the RWPC provide comments as to whether this matter does or does not conform with the Plan, which information is to be presented to the Board on January 28, 1997; and that if it is determined that it is not appropriate to address this issue as part of the planning document, the RWPC is to come back to the Board separately with a recommendation pursuant to the Board's previous request relative to the STMGID water rate study.

Commissioner Galloway referred to the issue of grading set forth in Table 7-2, page 7-12 of the Plan listed under "Landscape restrictions - Grade to retain 50% of rainfall on new lots." Mr. Walker reviewed the RWPC's reasoning relative to this restriction and advised that it represents a recommendation only with a further recommendation in Chapter 11 that this issue be fleshed out. Commissioner Galloway commented that something less specific as to percentage would provide flexibility and would not imply something this rigid for every single property; and that a change to less specific language would eliminate the situation of having ordinances that are in conflict with the plan.

Commissioner Galloway moved that, relative to the restriction regarding grading for new lots contained in Table 7-2, less specific language, such as "significant" be used to replace the term "50%." The motion died for lack of a second.

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On motion by Commissioner Mouliot, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, Chairman Sims ordered that the RWPC be directed to draft language to clarify that facilities for municipal water supply and wastewater for Washoe Valley are not recognized in this edition of the plan, which revised language is to be presented to the Board for consideration on January 28, 1997.

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Chairman Sims expressed appreciation and thanks to the Planning Commission for an outstanding job.

COMMISSIONERS' /MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Chairman Sims noted that a luncheon is scheduled for this Thursday with the County's delegation and colleagues from the Cities of Reno and Sparks, to discuss the upcoming Legislative session.

Chairman Sims commented that a Regional Flood Control Master Plan is in place and the issue has always existed as to how the community will fund it; that a financing mechanism to implement some of the regional flood control projects needs to be looked at that might be based on an additional tax to be presented to the voters; and that this issue as well as financing options to fund the County's portion of damage from flooding should be placed on a future workshop.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

GRANT D. SIMS, Chairman  
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST: JUDI BAILEY, County Clerk